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**Amendments To The Claims**

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A system for inserting a sling through a vaginal incision to treat a patient's incontinence comprising:

a sling having two end portions;  
at least two sling anchors associated with each of the end portions of the sling to anchor the sling to internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient; and  
a sling anchor inserter sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors through a vaginal incision.

18. (New) The system according to claim 17 wherein the sling comprises a substantially rectangular, synthetic material and the sling anchor comprises a substantially cylindrical body having a bore therethrough and a threaded suture.

19. (New) The system according to claim 17 wherein the sling comprises a substantially rectangular, synthetic material and the sling anchor comprises a clip.

20. (New) The system of claim 17 wherein the sling anchor inserter is sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia above the periosteum near the patient's superior rami and pubic symphysis.

21. (New) The system of claim 17 wherein the sling anchor inserter is sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia near an inner surface of the patient's descending rami.

22. (New) The system of claim 17 wherein the sling anchor inserter is sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors into internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia near the patient's descending rami.

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23. (New) A system for inserting a sling through a perineum incision to treat a patient's incontinence comprising:

- a sling having two end portions;
- at least two sling anchors associated with each of the end portions of the sling to anchor the sling to internal soft tissues, ligaments or fascia of the patient; and
- a sling anchor inserter sized and shaped to internally insert the sling anchors through a perineum incision.